

## REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

An editorial change has been made in claim 21.

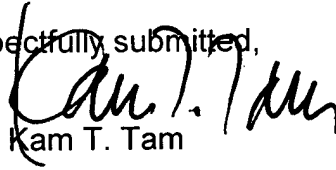
In the aforementioned Office Actions, claims 1-5, 7, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Sheets* (U.S. Patent No. 4,958,747). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sheets*. Claims 8, 9, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sheets* in view of *Baldwin et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0029764).

By this amendment, to expedite prosecution and without acquiescing to the Examiner's positions, claims 1-13 have been canceled without prejudice, leaving the allowed claims 14-21 in the application.

The cited but not relied upon references have been studied, but are submitted to be less relevant than the relied upon references.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, with the remaining claims 14-21, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance are respectfully requested.

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